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SUBJ: ECUADOREAN PRESS PLAY ON USCG SEIZURE OF CUBAN FISHING  
BOAT OFF NANTUCKET

1. THE US COAST GUARD SEIZURE OF THE CUBAN FISHING BOAT  
"PLAYA DE VARADERO" DID NOT, NEEDLESS TO SAY, ESCAPE NOTICE  
IN ECUADOR. ALL MAJOR NEWSPAPERS CARRIED THE STORY  
ACCOMPANIED BY PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE SHIP AT ANCHOR IN BOSTON  
AWAITING SENTENCING.

2. EL COMERCIO'S COVERAGE WAS TYPICAL; THE STORY MADE  
PAGE ONE, FACTUAL (OFF THE TICKERS) WITH NO EDITORIAL  
COMMENT. THE CAPTURE WAS REPORTED AS HAVING TAKEN PLACE  
145 KILOMETERS (GIVEN AS 90 MILES) OFF CAPE COD, WELL OUT-  
SIDE ANY CONCEIVABLE 12-MILE LIMIT; AND THE REASON FOR THE  
CAPTURE WAS REPORTED AS "VIOLATION OF THE FISHING LAWS  
OF THE UNITED STATES . . . WHICH PROHIBIT FOREIGN SHIPS  
FROM OPERATING ABOVE THE US CONTINENTAL SHELF."

3. NO ECUADOREAN OFFICIALS HAVE THUS FAR BEEN SO UNKIND  
AS TO REMARK PUBLICLY ON THE INCIDENT, AND THE PRESS  
HAS NOT REACTED EDITORIALY. LEGAL EXPLANATIONS OF WHY  
A CUBAN SHIP LOADED WITH LOBSTERS 90 MILES OFF NANTUCKET  
CONSTITUTES FAIR GAME FOR THE US COAST GUARD, WHILE  
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AMERICAN TUNA CLIPPERS ROUGHLY THE SAME DISTANCE OFF

THE ECUADOREAN COAST SHOULD NOT BE HAULED IN BY THE  
ECUADOREAN NAVY, ARE APT TO BE LOST ON AN ECUADOREAN  
AUDIENCE WHICH HAS ALREADY LARGELY REACHED THE CONCLU-  
SION THAT THE US IS MOVING TOWARD THE 23-YEAR OLD  
ECUADOREAN POSITION ON A 200-MILE LIMIT.  
BREWSTER

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